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SUBJECT: SOVIET REJECTION FSIO HOWARD DANIEL'S REQUEST  
FOR TRIP TO KAUNAS

1. LATE FRIDAY AFTERNOON DIP AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE L.A. TSVETKOV TELEPHONED FSIO HOWARD DANIEL AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE VILNIUS/KAUNAS/VILNIUS PORTION OF THE TRIP ON MARCH 19 DANIEL WAS SCHEDULED TO MAKE TO RIGA, VILNIUS, AND KAUNAS WITH THE PRO ARTE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WAS NOT REGISTERED. THE REFUSAL APPLIED ONLY TO FSIO DANIEL WHO WAS ADVISED BY DIP AGENCY TO APPLY TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS OF THE "SOVEREIGN" LITHUANIAN REPUBLIC FOR HELP. BEFORE PROTEST COULD BE MADE DIP AGENCY CLOSED FOR BUSINESS FOR THE DAY AND IT WAS DECIDED FOR DANIEL TO BEGIN TRIP AS SCHEDULED ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12 PENDING RESOLUTION QUESTION KAUNAS PORTION OF TRIP.

2. AT RECEPTION FOR PRO ARTE GROUP ON SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 11, DPO RUECKERT RAISED QUESTION OF KAUNAS TRIP REJECTION WITH DIP AGENCY REP BATURIN. BATURIN TOLD RUECKERT NOTHING MORE COULD BE DONE BY LENINGRAD DIP AGENCY AT THIS TIME BUT THAT IN FUTURE REQUESTS FOR REGISTRATION OF SUCH TRIPS ALL PERTINENT DETAILS--SUCH  
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AS FACT THAT DANIEL WAS TO ACCOMPANY PRO ARTE GROUP--BE INCLUDED WITH REQUEST. DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CONOFF AND BATURIN ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, BATURIN REITERATED THIS POSITION. HE SAID SUCH INFORMATION MIGHT BE CONVEYED WITH THE TRAVEL NOTE ITSELF, SEPARATELY, OR EVEN ORALLY. WHEN CONOFF POINTED OUT THAT IN ANY CASE, KAUNAS HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AN OPEN

CITY PER SOVIET NOTE OF JANUARY 4, 1978. BATURIN  
COUNTERED BY SAYING FONMIN NOTE STATES THAT SUCH CITIES  
HAVE BEEN OPENED TO TRAVEL BY "TOURISTS AND SPECIALISTS"  
BATURIN HAD EARLIER JUSTIFIED REJECTION OF DANIEL'S  
REQUEST BY NOTING THAT KAUNAS IS NOT IN CONGEN'S DISTRICT  
AND THAT TRAVEL TO SUCH OUT OF CONSULAR DISTRICT CITIES  
IS NORMALLY GRANTED ONLY BY EXCEPTION TO CONGEN PERSONNEL.  
BATURIN ADDED TODAY THAT DIP AGENCY WOULD REFER THE  
"MATERIALS" TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OF LITHUANIA SINCE  
THE LITHUANIAN REPUBLIC TOO HAS "RIGHTS" IN THE QUESTION  
APART FROM THE ALL-UNION RESPONSIBILITY EXERCISED BY THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY OF THE SOVIET UNION. BATURIN STATED  
THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THE CONGEN TO SUBMIT  
ANOTHER TRAVEL NOTE.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED RAISE MATTER OF DANIEL'S KAUNAS  
TRIP WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY MOSCOW. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH  
TO NOTE RESTRICTIVE INTERPRETATION OF NEW TRAVEL RULES  
AS WELL AS SOVIET ATTITUDE TO OUT OF DISTRICT TRAVEL FOR  
FUTURE REFERENCE IN HANDLING CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO AND  
SOVIET EMBASSY TRAVEL REQUESTS. BUCHANAN

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